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PROGRAMS & EVENTS GUIDE

A MONTHLY SCHEDULE FROM SUMMIT METRO PARKS



EXPLORE!

THIS MONTH:

Programs with this icon require advance registration, beginning on the date in parentheses, by calling 330-865-8065.

Tuesday, September 1
9:30 – 10 a.m. & 10:30 – 11 a.m.

SHOW & TELL ME A STORY

Kids 1 to 3 join a naturalist for this special 30-minute story time for tots! FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron (8/15)

Tuesday, September 1, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

DISTANCE HIKE

Hike 7-plus miles at a continuous pace on trails that are difficult or primitive. There will be few, if any, rest stops. Please wear footwear appropriate for potentially muddy conditions and stream crossings. Drinking water is recommended. SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron

Tuesday, September 1, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

QUARRY HIKE

Join a naturalist for one of the first guided hikes of the 2015 Fall Hiking Spree. DLQ: 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

Tuesday, September 1, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

Weather permitting, the all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. Concert cancelled if it rains. If wet weather is in the forecast, call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. for status. SR/Lone Spruce: 1350 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron

Wednesday, September 2

7 – 8:30 p.m.

GARDENING INTO FALL

Learn ways to extend the growing season and how to prepare your garden for winter: Cold frames and hoop houses are two of the topics covered. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron



Thursday, September 3, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS



Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Buttonbush Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. LP/Pond Brook: 3973 E. Aurora Rd., Twinsburg



INTRO TO ARCHERY

Learn international-style target archery and test your marksmanship at our traveling outdoor range. Program good for beginning and practiced archers. All equipment and hands-on instruction provided.

Must be 50 inches or taller.

MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Wednesday, September 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FOR ADULTS (18 and older)

(8/25)

Wednesday, September 2, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FOR SENIORS (55 and older)

(8/25)

Sunday, September 6, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)

(8/25)

Sunday, September 6, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

FOR TEENS (Ages 13 to 17)

(8/25)

Saturday, September 19, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES (With children 9 to 17)

(9/8)

Saturday, September 19, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

FOR FAMILIES (With children 9 to 17)

(9/8)

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Thursday, September 3, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

SMALL FOOTPRINT: GETTING STARTED

Let's start thinking sustainably! Join us for a bi-monthly conversation about ways to reduce our impact on the environment. Bring a notebook and a head full of ideas. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

Thursday, September 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

SUNSET HIKE

Join a naturalist to explore Chippewa Trail, leading to a spectacular sunset finale. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 



Friday, September 4, 9 – 11 a.m.

FALL BIRD WALK



New and experienced birdwatchers can join a naturalist for a fall bird walk in Liberty Park.

Binoculars are

recommended. LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg

Friday, September 4
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.


LI'L SPROUTS

Prepping for pizza! Children 3 and older can help harvest our ingredients from the pizza garden. Wear old clothes and expect to get dirty. FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron  (8/22)



Friday, September 4, 4 p.m. –
Sunday, September 6, 11 a.m.

FALL FAMILY CAMPOUT

Join naturalists for a fun and relaxing weekend camping out in a Metro Park. The weekend will include hiking, campfires, fishing and nature activities. Camping equipment is not provided. Space is limited. Location provided during registration.  (8/18)

Saturday, September 5, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

HISTORY HIKE

Hike the trail with a naturalist and learn about mining that took place in the area. SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton

Saturday, September 5, 8:30 – 11 p.m.

ATTRACTING MOTHS TO BLACK LIGHTS

Join naturalists while they are attracting moths to black lights, and observe the insects' amazingly beautiful colors, shapes and patterns up close. Bring a flashlight and camera.

LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg



Sunday, September 6, 2 – 4 p.m.

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Join Summit Metro Parks for the opening reception of the 2015 Amateur Photography Exhibit. Meet the photographers, enjoy light refreshments and see the natural beauty of the Metro Parks through the eyes and cameras of folks like you. FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron

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KINDEREALM: TURKEY VULTURES

Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about turkey vultures and where they are going. After making a craft, we'll take a brief walk. Please make arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers.

Monday, September 14
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
GYH/Pavilion
2077 Newton St., Akron
☎ (9/1)

Wednesday, September 16
1 – 2 p.m.
F/Coventry Oaks
40 Axline Ave., Akron
☎ (9/1)

Friday, September 18
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 2 p.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (9/1)

Saturday, September 19
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
FASN/Visitors Center
1828 Smith Rd., Akron
☎ (9/1)



Tuesday, September 8, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

BOG BOOGIE

Join a naturalist to “boogie woogie” around the prairie. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**



Tuesday, September 8, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

Weather permitting, the all-volunteer Metro Parks Ensemble will perform an hour of traditional marches, big band standards and oldies. Concert cancelled if it rains. If wet weather is in the forecast, call 330-865-8060 after 4 p.m. for status. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield**

Wednesday, September 9
6:30 – 8 p.m.

FIVE MILLION STEPS: THRU-HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Experience the challenging and life-changing adventure of author Robert Grau. Hear his unique story and see photos of his 2,191-mile hike over 14 states and 170 days. Book signing to follow, and all proceeds benefit cancer patients. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron**



Friday, September 11

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

HOMESCHOOLERS: BIOMIMICRY

Homeschoolers, ages 7 to 10: Velcro, wet suits and cable wires are just a few inventions created by observing nature. Discover the exciting world where copying is okay. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**
☎ (8/28)

Saturday, September 12
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FALL MIGRATION HIKE

Join us for a peek into the lives of migrant birds on this easy hike through a new Metro Park. **WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson** 🦶

Saturday, September 12, 2 – 3:30 p.m.



NATURE & HISTORY OF THE GLENS

Join a naturalist to explore the rugged Glens Trail. **G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls** 🦶

Sunday, September 13, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

HIKE FOR THE BIRDS

Take a morning hike to search for fall birds and other wildlife. Meet in the parking lot. **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg** 🦶

Sunday, September 13, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

MONARCH BUTTERFLIES



The monarch, king of the butterflies, is an amazing insect. Join a naturalist to learn about its life cycle, habitat and incredible migration to Mexico.

Includes a craft for kids and an up-close look at the monarch butterfly. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

Tuesday, September 15, 7 – 8 p.m.

RANDOM ACT OF MUSIC

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Tuesday, September 15, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

CAMPFIRE COOKING WITH TWINSBURG LIBRARY COOKBOOK CLUB

Join Metro Parks and the Twinsburg Library Cookbook Club for a campfire cooking demonstration. Select a recipe and bring it to the program to share. We'll eat, swap recipes, discuss cookbooks and talk food. Participants will be asked to contribute to the feast. Meet at the shelter: **LP/Twinsburg Ledges: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg** ☎ (9/4)

☎ Registration required:
330-865-8065
(date) Registration start date
\$ Fee
🦶 Fall Hiking Spree credit

BHT Bike & Hike Trail
CVN Cascade Valley / North
CVS Cascade Valley / South
DLQ Deep Lock Quarry

FASN F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm
F Firestone
FR Furnace Run
FT Freedom Trail

GYH Goodyear Heights
G Gorge
HH Hampton Hills
LP Liberty Park

MF Munroe Falls
ONW O'Neil Woods
SR Sand Run
SC Silver Creek

SFB Springfield Bog
TT Towpath Trail
WH Wood Hollow

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We're Your Back Yard

Go out and EXPLORE!



"We see a lot of happy hikers during the spree."

~ ANNETTE, with husband Eric

Sep. 1 to Nov. 30



FALL HIKING SPREE

Trails range from easy to challenging. Hiking forms are available online and at all Acme Fresh Market stores. Spree rewards are FREE for Summit County residents.

First-time participants who complete eight trails receive a hiking staff and shield. Veteran hikers earn a shield.



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Wednesday, September 16
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR ADULTS

Join a naturalist-artist for this entertaining lesson in nature drawing. Bring a sketchbook, pencil and a sense of humor. Beginners are welcome. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron ☎ (9/5)**

Wednesday, September 16, 6 – 8 p.m.

FUNGI, MOSSES & LICHENS – OH, MY!

Join naturalists to learn about some of the oldest organisms on Earth. We will start inside and then hit the trail to view these amazing organisms. **LP/Nature Center: 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Thursday, September 17
10 – 11:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Spring Hollow Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **HH/ Main Entrance: 2925 Akron-Peninsula Rd., Cuyahoga Falls 🚶**

Friday, September 18
10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

HIKE THE HOLLOW

Warm summer days are quickly coming to a close. Join a naturalist on a leisurely hike to discover what is out and about this time of the year. **WH: 2121 Barlow Rd., Hudson 🚶**

Saturday, September 19, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

HEALTHY STRIDES HIKE

Summit Metro Parks is partnering with Akron General to present Healthy Strides Hikes. During the Fall Hiking Spree, join us on casual 1- to 3-mile walks, preceded by a brief, informative talk by Akron General physicians and caregivers. Topics change each session based on the Akron General leader's specialty. All hikes will be on hiking spree trails. **SC/Pheasant Run: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton 🚶**

Saturday, September 19
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WOODLAND MUSHROOMS

From mid-summer to late autumn, a great variety of mushrooms may be found in Ohio. Enjoy an educational and fun walk with a naturalist in search of woodland mushrooms. Edibles are not part of the program. **LP/ Recreation: 9385 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg**

Saturday, September 19, 2 – 3 p.m.

PLEASING PAWPAWS

Join a naturalist to see, learn and enjoy the fruits of the amazing pawpaw tree. **FASN/ Campfire Area: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**



Sunday, September 20
10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

STAND-UP PADDLEBOARDING

Try stand-up paddleboarding to get a workout and enjoy nature. ODNR's ACA-certified instructor and a Metro Parks naturalist will guide you. No experience needed. You must be comfortable treading water in a life jacket. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton ☎ (9/13)**

ARCHERY GAMES

Play different games to build archery skills in a fun and exciting way! **Participants must have already taken one of our Intro to Archery programs.** All equipment and hands-on instruction provided.

Must be 50 inches or taller.
MF/Lake Area: 521 S. River Rd., Munroe Falls

Sunday, September 20, 12 – 1:30 p.m.
FOR KIDS (Ages 9 to 12)
☎ (9/8)

Sunday, September 20, 2 – 4 p.m.
FOR ADULTS (18 and older)
☎ (9/8)

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Sunday, September 20
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 – 3:30 p.m.

NATURE DRAWING FOR KIDS



Ages 6 to 12 join a naturalist-artist for this lesson in nature drawing. Paper and pencils will be provided. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (9/12)

Sunday, September 20, 1 – 3 p.m.

AKRON HISTORY: TROLLEYS

Join Summit Metro Parks and the Summit County Historical Society for an historical look at Akron's trolleys. We will travel by trolley from the Beech Street Power Plant to the floating boardwalk and walk across Summit Lake. We will then meet back with our trolleys at the Kenmore Trolley Barns. **TT/Beech: 40 Beech St., Akron** ☎ (9/11)

Monday, September 21, 1 – 2 p.m.

CARDIO HIKE

Join a naturalist for healthy outdoor exercise by hiking at a vigorous pace with few, if any, rest stops. Beginners are welcome, but talk to your doctor before beginning a new exercise routine. Drinking water is recommended. **ONW/Trail Lot: 2550 Martin Rd., Bath** 🏃



Tuesday, September 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

SUNSET STROLL

Hike the Meadow Trail with a naturalist to discover what is living in the fields, woods and wetlands. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge** 🏃

Wednesday, September 23
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

NATURE CRAFTING FOR ADULTS: WOOLIES

In honor of the Year of the Sheep, join a naturalist to create woolies for the dryer. Say goodbye to commercial fabric softener and dryer sheets forever. Materials list will be provided upon registration. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (9/18)

Wednesday, September 23
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

HIKE FOR YOUR DINNER

Work up an appetite hiking the Redwing Trail while cooking volunteers make a delicious meal. After our hike we will return to Coventry Oaks Pavilion to eat. Participants will contribute to the feast. **F/Coventry Oaks: 40 Axline Ave., Akron** ☎ (9/17)



Thursday, September 24
10 – 11:30 a.m.

BIRDS OF PREY HIKE

Raptors, accipiters and buteos – Oh, my! Take a hike around Springfield Bog and catch a glimpse of these charismatic birds. Binoculars recommended. **SFB: 1400 Portage Line Rd., Springfield Twp.**

Thursday, September 24, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

HEALTHY STRIDES HIKE

Summit Metro Parks is partnering with Akron General to present Healthy Strides Hikes. During the Fall Hiking Spree, join us on casual 1- to 3-mile walks, preceded by a brief, informative talk by Akron General physicians and caregivers. Topics change each session based on the Akron General leader's specialty. All hikes will be on hiking spree trails. **MF/Tallmadge Meadows: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge** 🏃

Friday, September 25
10 – 11:30 a.m. & 1 – 2:30 p.m.

LAKE PADDLE: CANOE

Learn about canoe safety, paddling techniques and proper equipment, then put your skills to use on Silver Creek Lake. **SC/Boathouse: 5171 S. Medina Line Rd., Norton** ☎ (9/15)

Friday, September 25
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

LI'L SPROUTS

Join other Li'l Sprouts for a pizza lunch on the Seneca Deck. We will celebrate all of our hard work over the summer. **FASN: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (8/22)

Friday, September 25, 1 – 3 p.m.

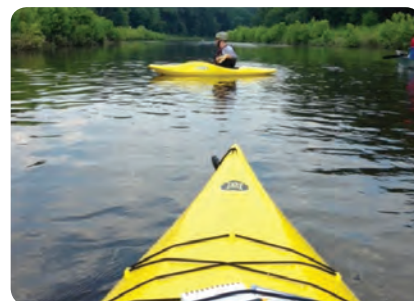
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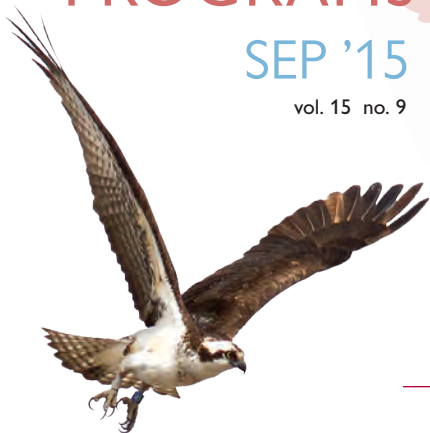
Homeschoolers, ages 11 to 14: Velcro, wet suits and cable wires are just a few inventions created by observing nature. Discover the exciting world where copying is okay. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron** ☎ (8/28)

Saturday, September 26
8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 6.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River to Waterworks Park in Cuyahoga Falls with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Bring binoculars, water, sunscreen and dress to get wet. Cost: \$25/kayak; \$40/canoe. **Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent** ☎ **330-541-7467 (Now!) \$**





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Saturday, September 26, 1 – 4 p.m.

SURVIVOR KID

Kids 8 to 11 join us for an afternoon of survival skills, including shelter-building, land navigation, basic first aid and more. Please dress for the weather. **FR/Brushwood: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield** 📞 (9/19)

Saturday, September 26, 2 – 4 p.m.

PADDLE THE PARKS

Kayak or canoe 4.5 miles down the Cuyahoga River, from Tannery Park in Kent to Brust Park in Munroe Falls, with ACA-trained staff and a Metro Parks naturalist as your guide. Learn the basics while observing wildlife and beautiful habitats. No experience needed. Registration is required by calling Crooked River Adventures: 330-541-7467. Return transportation to Tannery Park provided. Bring binoculars, water and sunscreen, and dress to get wet. Cost: \$20/kayak; \$30/canoe. **Tannery Park: 100 Stow St., Kent** 📞 330-541-7467 (Now!) \$

Sunday, September 27, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PADDLE THE GORGE

Paddle the Cuyahoga River at the Gorge to see towering rock ledges and breathtaking scenery from your boat. Led by ACA-trained staff from Crooked River Adventures and a Metro Parks naturalist. Ten rental spaces available, with 10 more spaces available for those with their own canoes or kayaks (but only with current watercraft registration and a life jacket). Minimum age is 13; ages 13 to 17 must be with an adult. Bring binoculars, drinking water and sunscreen, and dress to get wet. **G/Main Entrance: 1160 Front St., Cuyahoga Falls** 📞 (9/22)



Sunday, September 27, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE NATURE REALM

Join us for an in-depth look into the first 50 years at F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm. We will discuss the changes that happened between 1991 and today. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**

**Sunday, September 27
1 – 3 p.m.**

HIKING SPREE SHIELD ASSISTANCE

You hiked eight trails to earn the 2015 Fall Hiking Spree shield, but attaching it to your hiking staff may be harder than completing the hikes. Volunteers will gladly attach it for you at no charge. **FASN/Visitors Center: 1828 Smith Rd., Akron**



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Sunday, September 27, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

METRO PARKS BOOK CLUB: THE BEAST IN THE GARDEN

This month's selection, "The Beast in the Garden: The True Story of a Predator's Deadly Return to Suburban America" by David Baron, explores what a town goes through when the mountain lion returns. Please bring your mug for refreshments. **SR/Shady Hollow: 1750 Sand Run Pkwy., Akron**

Tuesday, September 29, 7 – 8 p.m.

MILLS OF OLD MILL

Join a naturalist to earn spree credit along the Old Mill Trail. Bring a flashlight. **FR/Brushwood Area: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield** 📞

**Wednesday, September 30
10 – 11:30 a.m.**

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Join a naturalist for a leisurely stroll on Parours Trail with stops along the way to discover nature and history. **SR/Treaty Line: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron** 📞



Liberty Park Nature Center

Have you seen the new building and exhibits, at 9999 Liberty Rd., Twinsburg? Guided programs and fall colors beckon this season. See page 2 for center hours.